

Please amend the subject application, without prejudice, as follows:

In the Claims:

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Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 1, 10, 11, 12, and 13.

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Please amend the following claims, without prejudice:

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2. ~~(Amended)~~ The pad of claim 1, wherein the second printed ink is printed on the first surface and further comprising an additional printed ink on the second surface of the material and wherein the inks printed on the first and second surfaces are substantially in register with reference to the at least one common reference.

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4. (Amended) The pad of claim 74, wherein the material has a thickness of about 30 mils to 50 mils.

5. (Amended) The pad of claim 74, wherein the material is a non-woven polyester.

8. (Amended) The pad of claim 74, wherein the material is a polyester cellulose blend.

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14. (Amended) The pad of claim 74, wherein each of the first and second inks is a non-carbon gravure ink.

16. (Amended) The pad of claim 74, wherein said piece of material is substantially circular.

17. (Amended) The pad of claim 3:

wherein the design on the first surface is substantially the same as the design on the second surface;

the material has a thickness of about 30 mils to 50 mils;

the designs are printed with ink that is substantially non-leaching;

the ink is a non-carbon gravure ink;

the ink has a viscosity of about 17 to 30 seconds in a no. 2 Zahn;

said piece of material is substantially circular.

58. (Amended) A pad comprising:

a piece of non-woven material wherein the material is selected from the group consisting of a polyester and a polyester cellulose blend, and wherein said piece of material does not substantially degrade upon exposure to liquid over time; and

a first ink printed on a first surface of the piece of non-woven material, wherein the first ink comprises a vehicle selected from the group consisting of nitrocellulose, polyamid, vinyl acrylic, shellac, and combinations of nitrocellulose, polyamid, vinyl acrylic and shellac, wherein the first ink is substantially non-leaching due to the vehicle selected.

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Please add the following new claims:

60. The pad of claim 58, wherein said first ink comprises a solvent based gravure ink.

61. The pad of claim 58, wherein said first ink forms a design.

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62. The pad of claim 58, wherein the vehicle is selected in accordance with a solution into which the pad is placed.

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~~63. A pad for carrying liquid, comprising:~~

~~a piece of non-woven material, wherein the piece of material is absorbent without degradation of the piece of material over time;~~

~~a first printed ink on a first surface of the material, wherein a vehicle for the first ink is selected from the group consisting of nitrocellulose, polyamid, vinyl acrylic, shellac, and combinations of nitrocellulose, polyamid, vinyl acrylic and shellac;~~

~~a second printed ink on at least one of the first or a second surface of the material, wherein a vehicle for the second ink is selected from the group consisting of nitrocellulose, polyamid, vinyl acrylic, shellac, and combinations of nitrocellulose, polyamid, vinyl acrylic and shellac;~~

~~wherein the first ink is substantially in register with the second ink, and wherein the first ink does not visibly leach through the piece of material or into the second ink, and wherein the second ink does not visibly leach through the piece of material or into the first ink.~~

64. The pad of claim 63, wherein the second printed ink is printed on the first surface, and further comprising a third printed ink on the second surface of the material, wherein the inks printed on the first and second surfaces are substantially in register.

65. The pad of claim 64, wherein the printed inks on the first and second surfaces of the material form first and second designs, and wherein the first and second designs are substantially the same.

66. The pad of claim 63, wherein the material has a thickness of about 30 mils to 50 mils.

67. The pad of claim 63, wherein the material is a non-woven polyester.

68. The pad of claim 67, wherein the material has a density of at least about 2.5 oz. per square yard.

69. The pad of claim 67, wherein the material has a density of about 4 oz. per square yard.

70. The pad of claim 63, wherein the material is a polyester cellulose blend.

71. The pad of claim 63, wherein the inks are a non-carbon.

72. The pad of claim 63, wherein the inks have a viscosity of about 17 to 30 seconds in a no. 2 Zahn.

73. The pad of claim 63, wherein each of said first ink and said second ink comprise solvent based gravure inks.

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74. A pad for carrying liquid, comprising:

a piece of non-woven material absorbent over time to an amount of the liquid at least about 1.5 times a weight of said piece of material without substantial degradation of said piece of material over time;

a first printed ink on a first surface of said piece of material, wherein said first ink comprises a vehicle selected from the group consisting of nitrocellulose, polyamid, vinyl acrylic, shellac, and combinations of nitrocellulose, polyamid, vinyl acrylic and shellac, and wherein said first ink is substantially non-leaching due to the vehicle selected;

a second printed ink on at least one of the first or a second surface of said piece of material;

wherein said first ink is substantially in register with said second ink.

75. The pad of claim 74, wherein said piece of non-woven material is selected from the group consisting of a polyester and a polyester cellulose blend.